

Village of Climax
Regular Meeting
October 1, 2002

Present: S. Blayden, L. Phoenix, Bill Rogers, S. Thompson, B. Twiss, Tricia Willis, D. Stevenson.

Absent: None

Also Present: Kevin Riess, Bill Sackrider, Deb Wyant.

(Thompson/Blayden) Motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2002 without exception. Unanimously approved.

Guests/Communications: Kevin Riess, representing Knight Watch Security, presented information on his company's camera/surveillance systems as an option for park security. Camera surveillance has its drawbacks and with an estimated cost ranging of over \$15,000 other options should be explored first.

Communications: A request to donate \$250 toward the Mayors' Riverfront Park was received. (Twiss/Phoenix) Motion to decline the request to donate \$250 to the Mayor's Riverfront Park. Ayes: Blayden, Phoenix, Rogers, Thompson, Twiss, Stevenson. Nays: Willis Motion carried.

Action on the Kalamazoo Regional Water & Wastewater Agreement delayed until the October 15th meeting.

Public works:

- 1) The installation of the new mercury light in the park is nearly completed.
- 2) A pedestill has been ordered for the library plaque.
- 3) Sidewalk repair is complete
- 4) Railroad crossing markers are being painted
- 5) Water system reports are all complete for the month.

Park/Library: The Library Board is selecting a Digital Microfilm reader/copier at a cost of \$5000. The Council has been asked to donate up to \$2000 toward the purchase.

Law Enforcement: Sheriff patrol hours within the Village are being accounted for and logs are provided for each hour of billed time. Times, locations and activities are recorded.

Police protection options and costs are being gathered. Preliminary (verbal) police protection costs from surrounding communities have been received. President Stevenson is waiting to receive more accurate costs in writing as to what these other communities are paying for police protection.

Options include:

1. Current part-time Sheriff Department coverage
2. Full-time contract Deputy
3. Climax Village police department
4. Combined Climax Village and Climax Township police coverage
5. Surveillance systems
6. Neighborhood watches – citizen responsibility
7. Additional lighting in park

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. (Phoenix/Twiss)
Scott Torrance – Village Clerk